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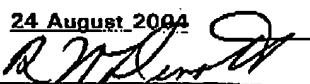
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Title: DEVICE FOR USE AS STAND-ALONE DEVICE AND AS SLAVE DEVICE IN A  
 DATA BUS SYSTEM

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 the following remarks.

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1. Amendments to and/or listing of the claims;
2. Remarks / Discussion of issues; and
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